Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* It was during the time of Diwan Sir Albian Banerjee. He got the services of some eminent experts and again during the time of Sir Shanmukham this investigation was conducted. I think a large amount of money was spent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the quantity of two or three species of soft wood mentioned in the report from which pulp could be made has not immensely increased between the date of this report and to-day.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):* I think since the date of that report *i.e.*, 1937 the quantity has considerably dwindled because the demand for soft wood has increased considerably.

HONOURS COURSE—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—STARTING OF

78. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is there Honours Course in the Maharaja's College in any subject ;

(*b*) cannot Honours Course for Literature be started without much of additional expenditure ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Sir, I would like to correct the second answer by adding "for financial reasons".

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what will be the approximate financial commitment of opening an honours course in literature ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Unfortunately it is very difficult to give. I think I will have to requisition the services of the Hon'ble Member for Public Works The University Commission which visited this college in response to our request in 1934 made certain conditions as necessary and the fulfilment of which was imperative before afiliation could be granted. They wanted additional accommodation or they wanted some of the other classes to be sent out and accommodation made available. The suggestion then made by some of the members of the staff was that the economics and history classes may be sent and accommodation found for English Literature. Then they wanted a library the initial cost of which will come to Rs. 7,000 and a recurring expenditure of Rs. 500 every year. They wanted rooms for holding honours classes for tutorial work, private study for the members of the English Staff and rooms for the honours library. When the number of women students exceeds 5 or 6 a separate room for their exclusive use should also be provided. The additional staff that they wanted was two more members for the English Staff, one who has undergone honours course in English literature either in Oxford or Cambridge and obtained a first or second class degree and another who has obtained an honours degree in English of an English or an Indian University and who has at least five years experience in English teaching. The recurring expenditure on account of the staff was estimated at about Rs. 500 per mensem. The Government thought that at a time like the present when we have not enough money even for promoting elementary education, it will be very unwise to embark upon this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether this commission made these suggestions or rather laid down these requisites as a result of the Government having moved to open the honours course ? Is it not so ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes. The request was from this Government. The suggestion of the Government was that we should ask for affiliation in the B.Sc. courses in science and also for the honours course in the English language and literature. We got affiliation for the B.Sc. course because we had the necessary equipment. There was no difficulty. But for English Literature additional expenditure was involved and the matter was dropped.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to that additional accommodation and also exclusive rooms for ladies if the number exceeded 5 or 6 may I know how much will be the cost approximately.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want notice. The then Principal who was more interested in English suggested to the commissioners that the economic and history sections may be sent elsewhere—he was not concerned where it went. The Commissioners said that affiliation will be granted if these things were done and an additional room

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for the staff as well as a room for women students are found out. The question as to what should be done with the economics and history section was not considered. To give the figures relating to additional accommodation it is not possible unless I get the chance of consulting my friend on the right.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I beg to bring to your kind notice Sir, that I have put questions about the possibility and feasibility of having a chair in philosophy and also the possibility of having honours courses in history and economics.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Both these questions have been answered. They have left the office of the Director of Public Instruction. They were separate questions and we could not find any relationship to this question and that is why they were not answered together. It will be answered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether for the mathematics course, if statistics is also included as an optional subject any additional expenditure would be incurred.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want notice. I shall enqire.

SANSKRIT COLLEGE COMMITTEE

79. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon** *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the present Sanskrit College Committee constituted;

(*b*) why have the members of the late committee resigned;

(*c*) who were the members of that committee?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) 7th December 1942/22nd Vrischigam 1118.

(*b*) Only 3 out of the 6 members resigned. They thought that their continuance in the committee will not be useful.

(*c*) 1—H. H. Kerala Varma, B.A., 7th Prince of Cochin, President.
2—H. H. Rama Varma, B.A., 4th Prince of Cochin.
3—H. H. Rama Varma, 9th Prince of Cochin.
4—H. H. Kerala Varma, M.A., B.L., 14th Prince of Cochin.
5—Mr. P. S. Ananthanarayana Sastry.
6—Mr. T. A. Raman Nambissan, Principal and Ex-officio Secretary.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Were not these three persons who renowned Sanskrit Scholars.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want notice. The very fact that they were in the Committee shows that they have aptitude for this subject.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* What was the provocation for them to resign?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* They never stated any reason. They simply said they would resign.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* If my questions were answered in full, the reasons would have been clear.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* To the best of my memory these letters simply said that they resigned because their continuance in the Committee was not serving any useful purpose.

Mr. A. L. Antony *(Irinjalakkuda):* What is the qualification of this Raman Nambissan.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* He has passed the old Pandit Examination of the Cochin Government and he is also a Vidwan of the Madras University in Sanskrit.

BUND TO PROTECT KARINILAMS

80. **Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the benefits of putting up a bund from the western extremity of Konath bund to Keecheri to protect the Karinilams to the east of the thodu;

(*b*) what action the Government have taken or proposed to take?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) An estimate for putting up a bund for protecting the Karinilams in the villages of Amballur and Keecheri has been sanctioned.

(*b*) The work will be taken up soon.

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